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**Community Project Funding (CPF): FY24 Commerce, Justice, and Science**

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**Account and Grantee Eligibility:** The Subcommittee will only accept legally eligible requests under the following accounts: NIST Scientific and Technical Research, NOAA Coastal Zone Management, DOJ Byrne Justice, DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment, and NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services. For-profit entities are **not** eligible. Non-profit entities are eligible with proof of 501(c)(3) status.

**Project Amounts:** After reviewing all project requests received for fiscal year 2024, the Chair will determine what, if any, caps to place on project amounts. Targeted projects of modest size can have meaningful impact for communities and likely have a greater chance of being funded.

**One-year projects only:** Each project request must be for fiscal year 2024 funds only and cannot include multi-year funding.

**Project Title:** This should be a short name by which the project may be identified. The project title should clearly indicate how the funds will be used. This title may be used in the House report and should be as accurate as possible to ensure that the funding goes to the correct project.

Examples:

- Estuary Habitat Restoration and Resilience,
- Policing Equipment and Technology Upgrades,
- Human Trafficking and Organized Crime Program,
- Smart-X Internet of Things (IOT) Living Lab

**Project Description:** You must include a brief project description. In this description, please include the recipient, the cost, and the nature of the project.

Examples:

- \$95,000 for an Esparza Beach Police Department body camera project.
- \$500,000 for a Markus, Nebraska, records management system project.
- \$375,000 for a Barczak, Kentucky, high-risk youth crime and violence diversion program project.

**Explanation:** Please describe the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals. Requesters must include an explanation of the request, including an explanation of why this is a good use of taxpayer funds.

**NOTE:** You are strongly encouraged to provide a detailed budget breakdown for how the funding is anticipated to be spent (e.g., what types of gear or services the funds will be used to buy; or how research dollars will be spent).

Examples:

- The requested amount of \$500,000 would be used by Adcock County to purchase 911 emergency radio equipment, including 300 dash mount radio units and 400 portable radios. This equipment would replace the county's current 911 radio equipment, a significant portion of which is now approaching the end of its operational life. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because

replacement equipment purchased by Adcock County would be allocated for first responders throughout the region, lowering costs for municipalities that may otherwise need to make emergency response upgrades independently.

- The \$325,000 in funding would be used to fully outfit video monitoring systems in 12 police cruisers for the Turpen County Sheriff's Department. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help enhance police-community relations in the county.

### **NIST Scientific & Technical Research Community Project Funding**

*NIST Scientific and Technical Research projects support standards-related research and technology development.*

#### **Purpose & Federal Nexus**

Funding must be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

**Note:** Funding for building construction or renovation projects is **not** an eligible use of NIST Scientific and Technical Research Community Project Funding.

### **NOAA Coastal Zone Management Community Project Funding (\*New for FY24)**

*Coastal Zone Management projects support the protection, restoration, and responsible development of our nation's diverse coastal communities and resources.*

#### **Purpose & Federal Nexus**

Funding must be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NOAA's mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

#### **Cost-Share Requirements**

Coastal Zone Management projects are subject to any applicable cost-share required by law under the Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **DOJ Office of Justice Programs Byrne Justice Community Project Funding**

*Byrne Justice projects assist state, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to enforce laws, address violent crime, increase prosecutions, improve the criminal justice system (including the correctional system), provide victims' services, and other related activities.*

#### **Purpose & Federal Nexus**

Funding must be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

#### **Prohibited Uses**

- (1) Any security enhancements or any equipment to any nongovernmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety.
- (2) Unless the Attorney General certifies that extraordinary and exigent circumstances exist that make the use of such funds to provide such matters essential to the maintenance of public safety and good order-
  - (A) vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (excluding police helicopters);
  - (B) luxury items;

- (C) real estate;
- (D) construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions); or
- (E) any similar matters.

**In addition, the Chair will **not** support the use of Byrne Justice Community Project Funding for the following:**

- Initiatives that involve the distribution of drug paraphernalia.
- Initiatives that undermine the 2nd Amendment or infringe upon rights guaranteed by the Constitution without due process of law.
- Initiatives that appear to be anti-law enforcement or unrelated to criminal justice.
- Larger projects for the construction or renovation of penal or correctional institutions that will exceed the capability of single-year funding.

### **Prioritization of Projects**

In the event of limited funding, the Chair will prioritize projects focused on improving the effectiveness of law enforcement, increasing officer safety, curbing the opioid crisis, and other strategic priorities.

### **Non-Profit Entities**

Projects with non-profit recipients may be eligible, so long as the purpose is to carry out work that closely aligns with the purposes of the Byrne JAG program. Such projects will be closely examined.

### **Requirements**

- Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.
- Below are the links to the Department's guidance and frequently asked questions regarding the Byrne-JAG program, which may help guide you in gauging the eligibility of a proposed Byrne project:
  - o <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>
  - o <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-faqs.pdf>
- Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program's authorizing legislation.

### **DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology & Equipment Community Project Funding**

*COPS Technology and Equipment projects support state, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to develop and procure the technology and equipment needed to respond more quickly and effectively, improve officer safety, increase transparency and enhance community relations.*

### **Purpose & Federal Nexus**

Funding must be aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). As such, the Chairman will consider projects to develop and/or acquire technologies and equipment, including interoperable communications technologies, modernized criminal record technology, and forensic technology, to assist State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, including by reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime and training law enforcement officers to use such technologies.

### **Notes:**

- Eligible recipients for COPS Technology and Equipment Community Project Funding are State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.
- Funding for building construction or renovation projects is not an eligible use of COPS Technology and Equipment Community Project Funding.

## **NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services Community Project Funding**

*NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services projects support science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission.*

### **Purpose & Federal Nexus**

Funding must be for activities advancing the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code. Projects should focus on science, education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission.

**Note:** The following projects will **not** be considered for NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services Community Project Funding:

- Building construction or renovation projects.
- Medical research projects.

### **To Be Completed by Applicant:**

#### **General Information Needed from all Applicants**

- Entity Requesting Funds (aka non-federal project sponsor):
- Primary Point of Contact (name, email, phone number, organization address):
- Project Priority (if non-federal sponsor is submitting more than 1 project):
- Short description of the project to appear in the report:
- Total Project Cost (including breakdown of federal/non-federal shares):
- Requested Amount:
- Sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project if amount received is less than amount requested:
- Whether the project has received Federal funding previously, and if so, the source and amount:
- Complete Description of Project (limit 1000 characters, including spaces):

#### **Supplemental Questions for NIST Scientific and Technical Research project requests:**

1. Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]

2. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? [yes/no] If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.

3. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project?

4. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State' (may be different from your contact address).

**Supplemental Questions for NOAA Coastal Zone Management project requests:**

1. Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]
2. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? [yes/no] If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
3. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project?
4. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State' (may be different from your contact address).

**Supplemental Questions for Byrne Justice project requests:**

1. Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]
2. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? [yes/no] If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
3. Is the purpose of this request the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
4. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]
5. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State' (may be different from your contact address).

**Supplemental Questions for COPS Technology & Equipment project requests:**

1. Is the recipient a State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agency?
2. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? [yes/no] If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
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4. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]
5. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State' (may be different from your contact address).

**Supplemental Questions for NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services project requests:**

1. Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]

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